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Title: Need to take steps to release adequate funds for Goalpar district under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and include Dhubri district under the scheme.

SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN (DHUBRI): National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) was implemented in Goalpara District, Assam w.e.f. February, 2006. During last more than 1.5 years, it was supposed that all job-seeker families would be given employment for 150 days. But in practice, Government did not provide even 50 days employment during last 1.5 years. There are many card holders who do not get even a single day's employment. Many families were not given even the job-cards.

On being enquired it was explained that the Union Government did not give required funds. If funds are not provided in time, how the job-card holders would be given employment. No explanation was given as to why the job-seekers were not provided job-cards. The Government must seriously look into the performance of NREGA in Goalpara district and take prompt action.

Secondly, Dhubri district with 69% of population being B.P.L. and most backward in education and social condition, deserve most for inclusion under NREGA. I appeal the Government to include Dhubri district under NREGA at the earliest.